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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Ekaterina BOUROVA, Christian SIMONNEAU,  
Catherine MARTINELLI, Lionel PROVOST  
A DOPED-RING AMPLIFYING OPTICAL FIBER, AND AN AMPLIFIER  
CONTAINING SUCH A FIBER  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q79968

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 16 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	13	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>

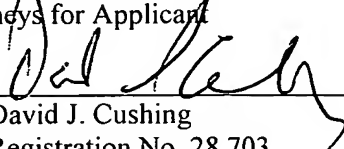
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	0302602	March 4, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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